

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): A computer implemented method of sharing static data resources associated with a group among members of the group, the method comprising:

- storing a single copy of member-only static data resources associated with and accessible to a group in a host system;
- sharing the single copy of data resources with a group member only when the member successfully logs into the host system and initiates access to the stored single copy of data resource;
- storing information associated with more than one current member of the group in a database;
- receiving instructions from at least one current member to invite at least one prospective member to join the group;
- sending an invitation to the prospective member to join the group;
- receiving a response from the prospective member;
- adding the prospective member to the group as a new member based upon receipt of an affirmative response;
- automatically updating group membership to account for the new member;
- storing information associated with the new member in the database;
- sharing the member-only static data resources associated with the group among the current members of the group and the new member based upon the updated group membership;
- and
- sharing the stored information associated with the current members of the group and the new member based upon the updated group membership.

2. (Previously presented): The computer implemented method of claim 1 wherein sending the invitation comprises using an e-mail message.

3. (Original): The computer implemented method of claim 1 wherein sending the invitation comprises using an instant message.

4. (Original): The computer implemented method of claim 1 wherein sending the invitation comprises using an on-line chat room.

5. (Previously presented): The computer implemented method of claim 1 wherein receiving the response comprises receiving the response as an e-mail message.

6. (Previously presented): The computer implemented method of claim 1 wherein receiving the response comprises receiving the response as an instant message.

7. (Previously presented): The computer implemented method of claim 1 wherein receiving the response comprises receiving the response in an on-line chat room.

8. (Previously presented): The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein automatically updating group membership to account for the new member comprises providing a list of current members that includes the new member.

9. (Previously presented): The computer implemented method of claim 1 wherein automatically updating group membership to account for the new member comprises providing information in an address book that includes address information for the new member.

10. (Previously presented): The computer implemented method of claim 9 further comprising updating the address book based upon information entered by the current members of the group.

11. (Previously presented): The computer implemented method of claim 1 wherein sharing the member-only static data resources associated with the group with the current members of the group and the new member comprises providing information in a shared group calendar that includes information for the new member.

12. (Previously presented): The computer implemented method of claim 11 further comprising updating the shared group calendar based upon information entered by the current members of the group.

13. (Currently Amended): The computer implemented method of claim 11 further comprising inviting current group members to attend an event and automatically recording the event in the shared group calendar.

14. (Previously presented): The computer implemented method of claim 1 wherein sharing the member-only static data resources associated with the group with the current members of the group and the new member comprises providing an on-line forum for current members of the group to chat with other current members of the group including the new member.

15. (Previously presented): The computer implemented method of claim 1 wherein sharing the stored information associated with the current members of the group and the new member comprises enabling current members of the group to send instant messages to other current members of the group including the new member.

16. (Previously presented): The computer implemented method of claim 1 wherein associated with the group with the current members of the group and the new member comprises sharing data files with current members of the group including the new member.

17. (Previously presented): The computer implemented method of claim 16 wherein the data files are provided by the current members of the group.

18. (Original): The computer implemented method of claim 16 wherein data files comprise digital images.

19. (Original): The computer implemented method of claim 16 wherein data files comprise photographs.

20. (Original): The computer implemented method of claim 16 wherein data files comprise text files.

21. (Original): The computer implemented method of claim 16 wherein data files comprise multi-media files.

22. (Previously presented): The computer implemented method of claim 1 further comprising offering new services to the current members of the group including the new member.

23. (Previously presented): The computer implemented method of claim 1 wherein sharing the member-only static data resources associated with the group with the current members of the group and the new member comprises providing information in an instant messaging buddy list shared by the group that includes information for the new member.

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35. (Currently Amended): A computer program, stored on a computer readable medium, comprising instructions for:

storing a single copy of member-only static data resources associated with and accessible to a group;

sharing the single copy of data resources with a group member only when the member successfully logs into the host system and initiates access to the stored single copy of data resource;

receiving information about more than one current member of a group in a database;
receiving instructions from at least one current member to invite at least one prospective member to join the group;

sending an invitation to the prospective member to join the group;
receiving a response from the prospective member;
adding the prospective member to the group as a new member based upon receipt of an affirmative response; and

automatically updating group membership to account for the new member;
storing information associated with the new member in the database;

sharing the member-only static data resources associated with the group with the current members of the group and the new member based upon the updated group membership; and

sharing the stored information associated with the current members of the group and the new member based upon the updated group membership.

36. (Original): The computer program of claim 35 wherein the computer readable medium is a disc.

37. (Original): The computer program of claim 35 wherein the computer readable medium is a client device.

38. (Original): The computer program of claim 35 wherein the computer readable medium is a host device.

39. (Cancelled)

40. (Previously presented): The method of claim 1 in which the current members of the group comprise members of a family.

41. (Previously presented): The method of claim 1 in which the prospective member comprises a relative of a current member of the group.

42. (Previously presented): The method of claim 1 in which storing information about all members of a group comprises storing information about all members of a private group.

43. (Previously presented): The method of claim 1 in which storing information about all members of a group comprises storing information about all members of a public group.

44. (Previously presented): The method of claim 1 wherein the invitation comprises a personalized message to the prospective member.

45. (Previously presented): The method of claim 1 further comprising authorizing an invitation to be sent to the prospective member.

46. (Previously presented): The method of claim 45 in which the authorizing is performed by a group founder.

47. (Previously presented): The method of claim 45 in which the authorizing is performed by a group owner.

48. (Previously presented): The method of claim 1 further comprising deleting a current member.

49. (Previously presented): The method of claim 48 in which the deleting is performed by a group founder.

50. (Previously presented): The method of claim 48 in which the deleting is performed by a group owner.

51. (Previously presented): The method of claim 1 further comprising promoting a current member to a group owner.

52. (Previously presented): The method of claim 1 further comprising denoting a group owner to a current member.

53. (Previously presented): The method of claim 1 further comprising promoting a group owner to a founder.

54. (Previously presented): The method of claim 1 further comprising providing a notification of the response to one or more current members.

55. (Previously presented): The method of claim 1 further comprising treating the new member as a current member.

56. (Previously presented) The computer implemented method of claim 1 wherein sharing the member-only static data resources associated with the group with the current members of the group and the new member comprises sharing a member-only private group website.

57. (Previously presented) The computer implemented method of claim 1 wherein sharing the member-only static data resources associated with the group with the current members of the group and the new member comprises sharing a map.

58. (Previously presented) The computer implemented method of claim 1 wherein sharing the member-only static data resources associated with the group with the current members of the group and the new member comprises sharing buddy list information.

59. (Currently Amended) The computer implemented method of claim 1 wherein the member-only static data resources are selected by a person or a system that is outside of the group.

60. (New) The computer implemented method of claim 1 wherein sharing the single copy of data resources with a group member only when the member successfully logs into the host system and initiates access to the stored single copy of data resource comprises enabling multiple members to concurrently access the single copy of data resources.